

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 7th, 1925.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board of Public Works, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, Wednesday, January 7th, 1925.

Present: Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
 William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
 John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

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Adjutant General Milton A. Reckord, took up with the Board the question of auctioning the property at Maryland and North Avenues, Baltimore. The Board was not favorable to this plan and decided to wait to see if anything developed as to certain parties who had previously been interested in the property.

The Adjutant General reported to the Board that he had gone ahead with plans for the purchase of land and erection of an armory at Hagerstown. The money available for this work does not become available until 1926, but local bankers are going to provide funds at this time, to be returned in 1926, without interest. The Board approved his action.

The Secretary reported that Robert F. Kahler, operating The Motor Mart, Inc., who occupies part of the State's property at Maryland and North Avenues, Baltimore, under lease from the Board of Public Works, was in arrears for \$700.00, and that Mr. Kahler offered to give the Board a note for that amount and pay future rent as and when due. The Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Kahler the Board would not agree to this and that unless prompt payment was made of the amount due he should quit the premises.

The Secretary was authorized to arrange for the advertisement for proposals for bonds of the General Construction Loan of 1924 issue of February 15, 1925, one insertion in each of the following publications.

The Baltimore News,
The Post (Baltimore)
The Manufacturers' Record,
The Wall Street Journal.

The Comptroller stated, he expected St. Johns College would be asking for payment of \$25,000.00 allotted to it out of the bond issue of February 15, 1925, that the appropriation was conditioned upon the raising of an endowment fund, and that he thought the Board ought to consider what such a fund should consist of, that is whether cash or securities, or whether pledges might be considered as constituting an endowment fund. The Board expressed itself as believing cash should be required.

The Comptroller informed the Board that claims of the State against James A. Jones and William O. Wertenbaker, ex-Sheriffs of Freckerick County, for \$457.17 and \$584.74, respectively, for fees had been referred to the Attorney General, who, after considerable correspondence and interviews with the principals and their attorney, received offers of \$250.00 and \$300.00 to close the account, and that in view of circumstances involved he recommended the offers be accepted. The Board authorized the Comptroller to arrange for settlement as recommended.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Joseph O. McCusker
Secretary